Crisis in lea export trade

1056. SHEI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister cf COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the crisis in tea export trade;

(b)' if so, whether any corrective measures have been taken to boost the demand of Indian tea in foreign market;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH); (a) to (d) No, Sir. Although surplus world supplies have lowered international prices by about 50 per cent. India has been able to maintain unit value realization on exports at near last years high levels- Government piovides incentives in the form of subsidies for replanting tea, assistance for brand promotion and warehousing abroad as well as cash compensatory support on value-added teas. Tea Board al?p undertakes promotional campaigns through its offices abroad.

Development of mineral resources of potential mines in Orissa

1057. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM

SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Mining has demanded infrastructure facilities including rail, road, communications, power and port facilities for expeditious development of mineral resources of 1325 RS—5 potential mine area in Orissa as identified by the Geological Survey of India; and

(b) if so, what action Central Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No specific proposal from the Directorate of Mining, Orissa for infrastructure facilities, has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

100 per cent export-oriented units

1058. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD;
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some 100 per cent export-oriented units have stopped production and some are thinking alike;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many such units were sanctioned in different States so far and how many have started produe-tion; and

(d) what steps have been taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) As on the 15th September, 1985, 458 units, approved under the Scheme of 100 per cent export-oriented units, held valid approval letters. 80 such units were reported to be in production and export at the end of June, 1985. Certain approved units have requested for permission to get debonded from the Scheme on